

## **Announcement**National Labor Relations Board

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## Jeffrey D. Wedekind appointed NLRB administrative law judge

WASHINGTON -- The National Labor Relations Board today announced the appointment of Jeffrey D. Wedekind as an administrative law judge in Washington D.C. Judge Wedekind is transferring to the Board from a similar position with the Social Security Administration. He replaces Judge Wallace Nations, who retired earlier this year.

His appointment brings the number of judges in the Board's Division of Judges to 39. As recently as September of 2005, the Division employed 50 judges.

With offices in Washington, D.C., New York City, San Francisco and Atlanta, the Division of Judges is responsible for docketing unfair labor practice cases brought by the Board's General Counsel on charges filed by unions, employers and individual employees. The Division disposes of those cases by settlement or by conducting trials and issuing initial decisions, which may then be appealed to the five-member Board and thereafter to an appropriate United States Court of Appeals.

Before he was appointed a Social Security judge in May 2004, Judge Wedekind had a distinguished career of over 20 years with the NLRB in various positions, including as Solicitor of the Board, Deputy Chief Counsel to then-Member Wilma Liebman and Chief Counsel to Member Michael Bartlett and Board Chairman John Truesdale. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Florida in 1979 and his J.D. degree, cum laude, from George Washington University in 1982.

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency vested with the power to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. The agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions.